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Lenox College (formerly Bowen Collegiate Institute) consists of four acres of land and four major school buildings. Distinguishing features of the property are its level grade, large elm trees. A marble Civil War Monument near the center was erected in 1865. This twenty-two foot monument has a limestone base and a shaft of carved marble; it commemorates all those from the Bowen Collegiate Institute who served in the Civil War. Each building is placed on the outer edge of the central square and is a sense faces this monument. All are brick with twentieth century shingle roofing and together represent vernacular interpretations of stylistic trends ranging in time from the 1860's to early 1900's.

Old Main is essentially a brick Italianate school building which was constructed in two parts, the first in 1856-1859 and the second in 1875 The earlier portion, six (6) pays long and four (4) bays wide measures 40 feet by 60 feet and is a gable roofed rectangle with a central, nearly pedimented pavilion (cornice returns are a later Its roof is bracketed, windows are slightly arched and addition). the two front doorways are topped by impressive fan-lights. Originally, several prominent chimneys with corbeled caps and a large cupola with louvered, arched openings adorned the roof. A supposed stone foundation is now covered with cement and the arched doorways are protected by a large modern (1930's) entryway with concrete steps and railing. The later addition, which joins the original block at right angles measures 55 feet by 30 feet and shows much more emphatic Italianate characteristics: stone quoining, ornate pendulum scroll brackets, window hoods with keystones and a full pediment with a round opening at the gable end. The interior of Old Main was remodeled in 1884 and in 1900-1905 new floors, a steam heating system electric lighting and a double stairway were added. Also at this time, old partitions, possibly 1884/additions, were removed.

Clark Hall is a two and one-half story "vernacular Victorian" brick structure with high pitched gables accentuating an overall asymmetrical plan. Its facade is highlighted by stone and brick banding at the sill and lintel levels. The windows are arched and topped by incised panels with floral Eastlake designs. A large semi-elliptical fanlight window appears at one gable end. The high stone foundation and water table are met at the front entrance by a modern (1930) concrete, gable roofed porch. Originally a dormitory, Clarke Hall now serves as the Delaware County Historical Society Museum.

Doolittle Memorial Hall (1900-1905) is a two and one-half story hip-roofed brick building approximately five (5) bays wide. Its features, including the rock-faced stone foundation, basic square plan and round arched windows, suggest the Romanesque Revival style. Measuring 40 feet by 60 feet, Doolittle Hall provides enough space for a gymnasium, library and museum as well as several meeting rooms. Showing the vernacular nature of this style, are the brick patterning of the upper story, the brick banding at the lintel and sill levels, and the central gable dormer

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which rises from the facade as though it were the top of a tower. As with the other buildings at this site, a covered entryway, in this case made of concrete blocks, has been added.

Finkbohner Hall (1916) is a gable-roofed rectangular building seven (7) bays long and three bays wide. Housing a gymnasium and auditorium, it measures 116 feet by 50 feet. Unlike the other structures on this former college campus, Finkbohner Hall is basically without ornament save brief cornice returns at the gable ends, and diagonal brick banding between the first and second story levels. All windows are arranged symmetrically with stone lintels at the first level and stone sills at the second. A high cement foundation and watertable appear just below the lower windows and the upper windows appear just below the eaves. Attached to one end of the building is a covered entryway with brick pilasters and a compsite shingle roof.

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